- 1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: I am going to ask the panelists
- 2 as I call their names to please come forward. At this point it's
- 3 my honor to recognize the Tribal leaders who so graciously
- 4 accepted the Commission's invitation to be here this morning. On
- 5 behalf of the Commission I'd like to express our appreciation for
- 6 your interest in officially stating the concerns of the
- 7 communities that you represent.
- 8 We are privileged to welcome The Honorable Anthony
- 9 Pico, Chairman of the Viejas Band of Mission Indians, and --
- 10 MR. PICO: Viejas.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Viejas. You know what, this is
- 12 going to be real problem for this Southern gal as the day goes
- 13 on. I would just ask that if I absolutely mess up your name,
- 14 just do as this gentleman did graciously and please correct, and
- 15 please know that it is not intentional.
- 16 Chairman of the next is the Honorable Clifford
- 17 Lachappa, Chairman of the Barona Tribe; the Honorable Robert --
- 18 we are very appreciative of all of our representatives this
- 19 morning, but I'm really going to have to ask the audience to
- 20 refrain from that sort of demonstration so that we can get
- 21 through all of our agenda.
- The Honorable Robert Smith, Chairman of the Pala
- 23 Tribe of Mission Indians; The Honorable Richard Milanovich,
- 24 Chairman of the Aqua Caliente Band Tribal Council; and in
- 25 fairness to other Tribal leaders I'll remind you that you each
- 26 have ten minutes to speak. The timers are here to help you to
- 27 guide that time. I should tell you ahead of time that I try to
- 28 run a pretty tight ship here in order for us to get through and

- give appropriate time to each of our speakers. Thank you very
- 2 much.